

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid

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1. Department or Agency

Agency for International Development

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid

3b. GSA Committee No.

164

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

01/18/2017

6. Expected Renewal Date

01/18/2019

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

U.S. Agency for International Development

13. Effective Date

01/21/1999

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings 1 17b. Closed Meetings 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings 0 17d. Total Meetings 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) invited the public to join a discussion on the principles, benchmarks, and programs that the Agency is considering to support countries along their development journey to self-reliance and long-term prosperity.	01/18/2018	01/18/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$15,750.00	\$15,750.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$43,500.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$867.00	\$1,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00

18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$13,531.40	\$14,000.00
18d. Total	\$73,648.40	\$30,750.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.10	0.10

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee's purpose is to advise the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), other government agencies, and the private voluntary (PVO) and non-governmental (NGO) community on foreign assistance policy and programs in which the U.S. Government and PVOs/NGOs interact. The Committee also provides information and counsel to the PVO community on issues of concern regarding their relationship with USAID and other agencies, as well as fosters public interest in the field of voluntary foreign aid. ACVFA advises the USAID Administrator and others through deliberations on key issues at the Committee's public meetings, as well as through the work of its subcommittees. The Committee has several active working subcommittees that research and discuss the issues that are brought before the public in order to develop policy recommendations for the Agency. The subcommittees are organized on the basis of key issues that correspond with USAID's Pillars and important crosscutting themes. ACVFA disseminates information to the PVO/NGO community and increases public awareness and understanding of foreign assistance through its public meetings.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The membership includes individuals who work in private voluntary organizations (PVOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), environmental organizations, philanthropic and other foundations, private businesses, think tanks, and universities with international programs. All have expertise in international development, the role of the non-governmental sector, and public/private partnerships, and represent diverse segments of the U.S. public. The membership is drawn from all regions of the United States and is fairly balanced in terms of gender and ethnicity. Recruitment of new members includes diversity as a criterion.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

ACVFA's public meetings are held approximately four times per year. The meeting agendas address specific, relevant topics on timely issues. The large attendance at ACVFA meetings reflects the public's interest in and need for these meetings. ACVFA is the primary source of objective analysis on specific issues related to the USAID/PVO/NGO partnership, as well as a broad range of programmatic and technical issues related to the U.S. foreign assistance program.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained

elsewhere?

The ACVFA provides expert, relevant, and objective advice to USAID and other U.S. government agencies on matters related to the private voluntary community's role in international development and foreign assistance. The Agency Administrator uses the Committee as a sounding board and an ongoing source of advice and recommendations about USAID policies and programs. The Committee's public meetings serve as an established forum for the key constituency of PVOs and NGOs, as well as the general public to receive information about and participate in the Agency's decisionmaking process. The ACVFA provides analysis of foreign assistance issues, and makes recommendations for use not only by USAID, but by other government agencies, Congress, and the PVO/NGO community. The Committee's recommendations have resulted in greater understanding of and improvements in the working relationship between USAID and its partners as well as organizational and programmatic improvements at USAID.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

N/A

Designated Federal Officer

Victoria Whitney Executive Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Araia, Semhar	05/15/2016	05/15/2018	Founder & Executive Director	Representative Member
Beckmann, David	04/01/2012	03/30/2018	President	Representative Member
Bjornlund, Eric	04/15/2016	04/15/2018	President	Representative Member
Boomgard, James	01/01/2014	12/30/2018	President and CEO	Representative Member
Bost, Eric	04/01/2018	03/31/2020	Associate Director	Representative Member
Bourgault, Jeanne	05/15/2016	05/15/2018	President & CEO	Representative Member
Brehm, Ward	04/01/2018	03/31/2020	Board Director	Representative Member
Brilliant, Myron	04/01/2018	03/31/2020	Executive Vice President and Head of International Affairs	Representative Member
Callahan, Sean	04/01/2018	03/31/2020	President and CEO	Representative Member
Dobriansky, Paula	04/01/2018	03/31/2020	Senior Fellow	Representative Member
Gayle, Helene	04/14/2012	03/30/2018	CEO	Representative Member

Goggard, Anne	12/11/2013 12/09/2017 President and CEO	Representative Member
Graber, Richard	04/01/2018 03/31/2020 President	Representative Member
Hill, Kent	04/01/2018 03/31/2020 Executive Director	Representative Member
Keny-Guyer, Neal	04/15/2016 04/15/2018 CEO	Representative Member
Khan, Anwar	04/01/2012 03/30/2018 CEO	Representative Member
Leslie, Jack	04/01/2018 03/31/2020 Chairman	Representative Member
Long, Mary Beth	04/01/2018 03/31/2020 Co-Founder and Principal	Representative Member
Lyons, Charles	04/01/2012 03/30/2018 President and CEO	Representative Member
Miles, Carolyn	04/01/2018 03/31/2020 President	Representative Member
Mudge, Susanna	04/15/2016 04/15/2018 President and CEO	Representative Member
Nesseth-Tuttle, Johanna	04/01/2018 03/31/2020 Manager, Development and Public Policy	Representative Member
Nunn, Michelle	04/15/2016 04/15/2018 President and CEO	Representative Member
Runde, Dan	04/01/2018 03/31/2020 Director	Representative Member
Rutzen, Doug	04/01/2018 03/31/2020 President and CEO	Representative Member
Sanghvi, Sunil	04/01/2012 03/30/2018 Director	Representative Member
Schrayer, Liz	04/01/2018 03/31/2020 President and CEO	Representative Member
Shah, Sonal	04/15/2016 04/15/2018 Executive Director	Representative Member
Shearer, Kimber	04/01/2018 03/31/2020 Counsel and Vice President	Representative Member
Wales, Jane	04/15/2016 04/15/2018 President and CEO	Representative Member
Walji, Aleem	04/01/2018 03/31/2020 Chief Executive Officer	Representative Member
Warshauer, Will	03/31/2016 03/30/2018 President and CEO	Representative Member
Weinstein, Jeremy	05/15/2016 05/15/2018 Senior Fellow	Representative Member
Wolf, Frank	04/01/2018 03/31/2020 Distinguished Senior Fellow	Representative Member
Wollack, Kenneth	04/01/2018 03/31/2020 President	Representative Member
Worthington, Sam	04/01/2018 03/31/2020 CEO	Representative Member
Yee, Carol	04/01/2018 03/31/2020 Chief Operating Officer	Representative Member
Abramowitz, Michael [Democracy, Human Rights and Governance]	04/01/2018 03/31/2019 President	Representative Member
Bader-Blau, Shawna [Democracy, Human Rights and Governance]	04/01/2018 03/31/2019 Executive Director	Representative Member

Baydas, Lana [Democracy, Human Rights and Governance]	04/01/2018 03/31/2019 Senior Fellow	Representative Member
Hayward, Chad [Faith Engagement and Procurement Reform]	04/01/2018 03/31/2019 Executive Director	Representative Member
Isaacs, Ken [Faith Engagement and Procurement Reform]	04/01/2018 03/31/2019 Vice President	Representative Member
Walther, Andrew [Faith Engagement and Procurement Reform]	04/01/2018 03/31/2019 Vice President	Representative Member
Alam, Runa [Private Sector Engagement]	04/01/2018 03/31/2019 CEO	Representative Member
Banner, Jon [Private Sector Engagement]	04/01/2018 03/31/2019 Executive Vice President Communications	Representative Member
Crespin, Richard [Private Sector Engagement]	04/01/2018 03/31/2019 CEO	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 46

Narrative Description

The Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA) provides feedback on USAID's key initiatives including USAID's recent policy updates such as its increased focus on local capacity development and innovations in development science and technology, procurement reform, and other efforts to align development assistance projects within the framework of the Agency's mandate.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

The ACVFA does not review specific projects or agency initiatives whereby a cost-saving analysis would occur, but may examine processes and make recommendations for business process improvements that result in a greater return on investments.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

22

Number of Recommendations Comments

After each public meeting, the Committee publishes minutes that provide a thorough discussion of the meeting's proceedings and the comments and recommendations for further discussion among the Committee members. ACVFA working groups also undertake studies that result in recommendations to enhance USAID's ability to achieve priority goals and objectives, including in areas such as health, food security, science and technology.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

41%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

USAID takes under advisement the recommendations of the Committee but full implementation is impacted by outside circumstances (budget, inter-agency processes for approval, and the nature of the Agency's work overseas).

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

41%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback is provided via the public meeting questions and answers sessions as well as during preparatory work undertaken by the Committee prior to the public meeting.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Publications



Other



Access Comments

N/A